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TO THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON LOS

REF: STATE 067788; ISLAMABAD A-51, APRIL 18.

1. MFA LEGAL ADVISER CHAUDHARY, RESPONSIBLE GOP OFFICIAL
ON LOS MATTERS, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 24 GOP DELEGATION TO CARACAS
CONFERENCE WILL NOW HAVE FOLLOWING COMPOSITION: LAW
MINISTER PIRZADA OR ATTORNEY GENERAL BAKHTIAR LIKELY TO
HEAD DELEGATION AT INITIAL JUNE SESSIONS (NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BUDGET SESSION IN JUNE MAY PRECLUDE PIRZADA'S
ATTENDANCE);
UN AMBASSADOR AKHUND WILL LEAD DELEGATION
SUBSEQUENTLY ASSISTED BY LAW SECRETARY JUSTICE
MOHAMMAD AFZAL CHEEMA; CHAUDHARY WILL HEAD DELEGATION
FOR AUGUST MEETINGS.

2. BIO DATA ON ALL EXCEPT JUSTICE CHEEMA HAVE ALREADY
BEEN TRANSMITTED. CHEEMA IS PROMINENT PUNJAB LAWYER
WHO ENTERED POLITICS UNDER AYUB REGIME, WON ELECTION TO
1962 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SELECTED
AS DEPUTY SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY, SUCCEEDING TO SPEAKER-
SHIP IN ABOUT 1964. HE WAS LATER APPOINTED JUSTICE OF
PUNJAB HIGH COURT, A POST HE HELD UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT
AS LAW SECRETARY IN MAY, 1973. CHEEMA IS AFFABLE,
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SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND HAS ONE DAUGHTER STUDYING

JOURNALISM AT UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT. HE IS
BELIEVED TO BE IN LATE 50S.

3. CHAUDHARY'S COMMENTS ON LOS SUBSTANTIVE AND PRO-
CEDURAL QUESTIONS FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM ALONG
WITH INTERNAL GOP WORKING PAPER ON CONFERENCE.
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